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APPLICANT: Dapprich *et al.*
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FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

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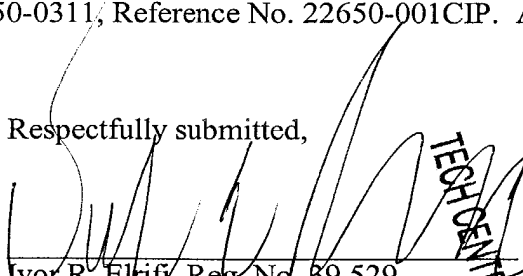
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the December 12, 2002 Office Action finally rejecting claims 1, 3-19 and 21 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$160.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

Applicants file herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time for extending the time for responding to the Office Action. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before April 14, 2003 (April 12, 2003 being a Saturday).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22650-001CIP. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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